Starvation Deaths in Orissa

89. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of starvation deaths took place in Orissa during 2000-2001;

(b) the steps taken to prevent starvation deaths in the State;

(c) the steps taken to identify the poorest of the poor and particularly hunger-prone families; and

(d) the schemes launched to save these people from untimely death due to starvation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) No reports on starvation deaths during 2000-2001 have been received from the Government of Orissa.

Hindi Salahakar Samiti

90. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindi Salahakar Samiti has, recently been re-constituted in his Ministry;

(b) if so, when and the number of sittings of the Samiti held during the last three years, year-wise; and

(c) the efforts made to conduct meetings, regularly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Hindi Salahakar Samiti of the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, Ministry of Agriculture is under re-constitution. Draft Resolution for the same has already been sent to the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs for concurrence. Meeting of earlier Hindi Salahakar Samiti was held on 15th July, 1997. On receipt of concurrence from the Department of Official

Language, Resolution regarding the re-constitution of the Hindi Salahakar Samiti would be issued and thereafter action to convene the meeting would be taken at an early date.

Renovation of Fishing Harbours in Orissa

91. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to renovate the fishing harbours in Orissa which have been damaged due to cyclone;

(b) if so, the funds released from the centre for the purpose during the years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the details of the renovation work undertaken in those fishing harbours?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Orissa and Port Trust have been requested to submit revised proposals for renovation of fishing harbours/landing centres and Paradip fishing harbour respectively.

(b) No funds have been released so far.

(c) Does not arise.

Drought hit areas in Orissa

92. SHRI ANANTA SETHI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the areas in Orissa which have been declared as drought hit; and

(b) the details of the allocation of Central assistance made during 2000-2001 to undertake relief measures in the drought hit areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) 11914 villages in 19 districts in Orissa are facing drought like situation.

(b) Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for 2000-01